**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY**

**ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION**

**WRIT PETITION NO. 2014 OF 2000**

Charles Wilson .. Petitioner.

vs.

State of Maharashtra

& Ors. .. Respondents.

Mr. K.R. Belosey, Officiating G.P. for State.

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**Coram: J.N. PATEL &,**

**S.C. DHARMADHIKARI, JJ.**

**Date: 5th February, 2007.**

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. Heard.

2. Mr. K.R. Belosey, the learned Government Pleader, has placed on record copy of the G.R. dated 21.12.2006 which complies the order dated 10.11.2006 passed by this Court in the matter.

3. We find that keeping this matter pending has no meaning and, therefore, we are finally disposing it of.

4. This petition pertains to a complaint made by a clerk of this Court in the matter of clearance of bill of a sitting Judge of this Court which was treated as suo motu writ petition. On being served with the notice, initially the respondent wanted to contest the matter, but, subsequently it was withdrawn and unconditional apology was tendered. Not only this, the then Chief Secretary and the Principal Secretary (Finance), State of Maharashtra filed a joint affidavit before this Court. In view of this, this Court decided to drop the contempt proceedings but the petition could not be disposed of and it appears that on 10.11.2006 this Court issued certain directions regarding payment of reimbursement of medical bills. Though it was besides the subject matter of the petition but we appreciate the response of the State in the matter. This sufficiently indicates that the impression this Court formed on the complaint made by Mr. Charles Wilson was probably due to some misunderstanding. Therefore, this Court has by its order dated 13.10.2000 already discharged the notice by recording admonition.

5. Not only that but the affidavit filed by the then Chief Secretary and the Secretary (Finance) clearly mentions in para 4 that necessary instructions have been given to the following effect for smooth and quick passing of the bills received from the Hon’ble Judges i.e. :-

" a) Bills received from the Hon’ble Judges of the High Court will be cleared as soon as possible and preferably within a week.

b) If there is any doubt or query in relation to such bills, they will not be rejected but brought to the notice of a special designated Nodal Officer or a designated Officer of the High Court for necessary correction and rectification whereafter the bill would be passed forthwith."

6. The learned Government Pleader submits that as it is an affidavit filed on behalf of the State by the Chief Secretary and Principal Secretary (Finance), the State would conform to the instructions. We accept this as an undertaking given by the State to the Court in the matter of passing of the bills received from the Hon’ble Judges of this Court.

7. We expect the State to treat the Hon’ble Judges of this Court who are constitutional functionaries with grace and dignity which they deserve. With these observations we finally dispose of the petition.

8. The learned Government Pleader to communicate this order to the Chief Secretary, Government of Maharashtra.

**(J.N. Patel, J. )**

**(S.C. Dharmadhikari, J.)**